

REMARKS

Amendatory action has been taken in Claims 38 and 44 in supplement to the response filed November 2, 2006. Specifically, Claim 38 has been amended to specify that the spacing of the legs is different in the first and second regions rather than the limiting recitation that the spacing is less at the U-shaped bend as compared to the spacing of the legs in proximity to the distal ends.

Claim 44 has been written in independent form and specifies that the legs have a length from the U-shaped bend to the distal ends which are unequal. This is shown for the pin at the left in Fig. 8.

The arguments for patentability of the claims follows from the remarks which were submitted in the prior amendment.

It is requested that reconsideration of the application be based both on the previously filed amendment and the amendment submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



Julian H. Cohen
Ladas & Parry LLP
26 West 61st Street
New York, New York 10023
Reg.No. 20302 Tel.No.(212) 708-1887